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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. Applicants respectfully petition and request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence such consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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